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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. W. J. Leonard died on September 30, at his home in Roxbury, Mass., in his eighty-fourth year.

Rev. W. D. Simonds died at Spokane, Wash., on October 23, aged sixty-five. He had held pastorates at Madison, Wis., Seattle, Wash., Oakland, Calif., and for the last two years at Spokane, Wash.

Rev. G. W. Bell died at Stoneham, Mass., on November 5, aged forty-seven. He had a successful career as a teacher, and for the last six years has been a minister at Stoneham.

Rev. H. Van Ommeren has resigned at Nantucket, Mass., to accept a call to Gardner, Mass.

Rev. G. Kent has accepted a call to Harvard, Mass., Rev. W. L. McKinney to Andover, N.H., and Rev. H. A. MacDonald to Brookfield, Mass.

Rev. H. C. Gale has resigned at Norwell, Mass., to accept a call to Beverly, Mass.

Rev. J. C. Allen has resigned at Charlestown, N.H., to accept a call to Farmington, Me.

Rev. H. C. C. Carter has accepted a call to Urbana, Ill.

Rev. W. C. Adams is in charge for the winter of the church at Tyngsboro, Mass.

Buildings

The Society in Nashua, N.H., has acquired a new and convenient parsonage.

The church in Brockton, Mass., has been substantially repaired and redecorated.

The beautiful new parish house in St. Paul, Minn., is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Journeys

The Sunday appointments of the President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, during November, have been at Fairhaven and West Upton, Mass., New Orleans, La., and Memphis, Tenn. He has just returned from a journey in the Southwest with appointments along the line indicated by New York, Washington, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Oklahoma, Little Rock, and Memphis.

Unitarian Campaign

It is noon on November 20 and the *Campaign* is now more than half way toward the second million, and not half of our churches yet recorded! Let us all rejoice that wonders never cease!

The *Campaign* has been the most inspiriting thing in all my Unitarian experience. Not in my day has there

been such a get-together spirit. Never have I seen so deep an appreciation of our denominational purpose and so fine a determination to make our churches more influential in the national life. Unitarian loyalty is at one with aspirations for public service. Whatever is accomplished may be doubly appreciated from the fact that the intensive period of the *Campaign* has come during days of very bad financial and business conditions. People are confident of the future, but they live in the present, and conditions at present are particularly unfortunate.

Nevertheless, our people are meeting the challenge with a glorious spirit. The result will be that the *Campaign* will leave every church stronger than it found it.

MINOT SIMONS.

Department of Religious Education

The Secretaries of the Department conducted several short Institutes during October. Both took part in the one held at Rochester, N.Y., opening Friday, October 15, and continuing through Sunday. On Friday evening the officers and teachers of the school and the parents of children, to the number of seventy-eight, sat down to supper together, and a spirited conference on the local conditions followed. It was so well managed by the minister, Mr. Denny, that nearly all took part, and the aims of minister, superintendent, and teachers for the religious instruction of the children of the church were brought out. The visitors answered questions and summed up the points made in the discussion at its close.

On Saturday afternoon two demonstration classes, primary and intermediate, were conducted by Miss Buck, and Mr. Lawrance gave an address on the principles underlying the Beacon Course. At the Sunday service both addressed the congregation and took part in the service of worship in the church school.

In addition, both secretaries had the privilege of speaking to the Sunday school of the Universalist church and of conducting an hour's conference with the teachers of that school on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lawrance held a one-day Institute in Syracuse, N.Y., which was well organized and well attended. The first hour was devoted to a conference with the workers in the school. Promptly at its close the parents assembled and the conference then dealt with the relation of the home to the church school and religious influence and instruction in the home. A good-sized evening audience assembled to hear the address on religious education and its place in modern life.

From Syracuse the Secretary went to Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo, and Ithaca, holding important conferences in each place.

The Associate Secretary had the privilege of an evening's conference with the teachers at Lancaster, Pa., a demonstration service and lesson on the following afternoon, and gave an address on religious education in the liberal church in the evening. At Philadelphia, opportunity was given to address The Alliance, to meet the ministers of five neighboring Unitarian churches for a conference and luncheon, and to confer with the teachers of the school, every one of whom is a graduate of college or university.

In Washington it was a privilege to see and speak to the large, rapidly growing school of our church which meets in the foyer of the Knickerbocker Theatre, where the church services are held, and to address the congregation afterward at the regular morning service. Both Sunday and Monday evenings were given to conferences with the teachers on the welfare of the school.

In all these schools the books of the Beacon Course are used, and all but one are thoroughly graded.

Miss Buck also visited and addressed the congregation at Wilmington, Del., where an effort to reorganize the school is in progress.

By prearrangement, the meeting of the Council of Religious Education, held on November 8, became a general meeting for consultation. Invitations were sent, not only to members of the Council, but to members of the Committee on Religious Education of the A. U. A. and to the thirty-one members of the six committees of the Department. Twenty-five persons assembled, and under the direction of President Samuel A. Eliot considered for two hours the present situation and needs of this work in our body. Each one present was given a typed outline of the organization, the activities and the finances of this work in the Unitarian body, copies being sent later to those who had not been able to attend. This outline was made the basis of discussion, the entire range of work in this field being considered and many valuable suggestions brought out. A total of forty-three persons are officially connected with this work.

The Committee on Religion in the Home held a public meeting in Channing Hall on November 10, with Dr. Charles Edwards Park as the chief speaker. The topic discussed by Dr. Park and by those who followed him was that of the religious atmosphere of the home, by all felt to be the first essential in the normal development of a right life. Amid varying estimates of the value of the forms of worship in the home, forms once general but now largely discontinued, there was entire unanimity in the opinion that impressions and habits, both gained very early in life, are determining factors in human well-being. The Committee on Religion in the Home has increased its membership, and will attempt to carry forward an enlarged program.

Moving pictures are attracting much attention among our schools and churches. Whatever may be one's opinion as to the good or evil of this agency, its magnitude and its power to affect lives and characters present a challenge the church cannot escape. It becomes our duty to inform ourselves about the extent, methods, moral influence, and educational possibilities of the use of moving pictures. The Secretary of this Department, as chairman of the newly formed Committee on Visual Instruction, will be glad to hear from those who have installed moving pictures in their churches, or who for any reason have made observations or gathered facts that may be of value. Those contemplating the installation of booths and machines are earnestly advised first to make careful inquiry into the matter. This agency is too powerful, for good or evil, to be entered upon without mature consideration.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot's book in the Beacon Course, "The Unwrought Iron," mentioned as ready in the last number of WORD AND WORK, promises to be of special value to ministers as well as to teachers of older classes in the church school. Mr. Eliot's study of the problem and his large experience as a minister to young men and women qualify him as a leader in this field. There is no problem confronting ministers and the church that is more delicate or more important than that of reaching young people in the years of later adolescence on their own ground and working with them in helping them to attain a satisfying faith. Mr. Eliot, in "The Unwrought Iron," does not *direct* his readers, he can hardly be said even to *lead* them: he marches with them, step by step, through questionings and difficulties, until by the cooperative effort they find themselves on solid ground. This book might well be used as a basis of study in a confirmation class, and will help to solve the problem of the older pupils who are about to withdraw from the school. Such a group, gathered about the minister or some other competent leader, either as an advanced class in the church school or at another time and place, using first this book and later, perhaps, our "Manual for the Confirmation Class," would be in a way to become established as individuals in

faith and good works, to become, as well, members together of the church and of whatever other body or agency will promote the highest human well-being.

New Department of The Beacon Press

Two years ago, believing that the impression had existed that we published only religious books, The Beacon Press decided to enlarge its field. We have received a gratifying response from those who have come to know our really comprehensive list of subjects and have found our slogan "Books of Permanent Worth" something more than an empty phrase. We believe, however, that we can render an even greater book service to the public in general, and to the Unitarian denomination in particular, for the great number of highly advertised books, sometimes of but slight merit, often presents a bewildering and disappointing problem to the busy reader.

Among the books that line the stalls of book-shops, there are many that we have promised ourselves to read when we found the time. A word of praise in a book-review, a remark overheard in a crowded subway, has stirred our imagination until we have promised ourselves a fall evening with that book and apples by an open fire. But in the daily rush we have overlooked our book, until at last there is a regretful tingle in our brain, and we realize that even the title has slipped from the cranny in which we stored it, and never will return.

A new solution of this problem is offered by The Beacon Press. A Personal Service Bureau, in charge of two college women with Library training, will secure without additional expense any American publication in print which a customer may request. They will also give unbiased advice on the best non-fiction books on current topics and also on the highest class of fiction books, that have come to our attention. Brief lists will be issued of standard books on different topics for children as well as for adults. These lists should be particularly helpful as guides for the selection of suitable Christmas books.

The Beacon Press invites you to have your name entered on our mailing-list.

Among the books that have recently come to the attention of this Department, the following interest us, and we take pleasure in bringing them to the attention of the readers of WORD AND WORK. These books, in addition to the large assortment of our own publications, may be examined at our unique book-shop or will be sent upon receipt of list price. All sales of the books below listed are final, unless the books received happen to be defective in some way.

"The Bad Results of Good Habits," by J. Edgar Park, $1.50 net, or $1.60 postpaid; "Fortitude," by Hugh Walpole, $1.90 net, or $2.05 postpaid; "The Rescue," by Joseph Conrad, $2.00 net, or $2.15 postpaid; "The Letters of Henry James," compiled by Percy Lubbock, $5.00 net per volume, or $5.25 postpaid; "The Pilgrims and their History," by Roland G. Usher, $2.25 net, or $2.40 postpaid; "Religion and the New Psychology," by Walter S. Swisher, $2.00 net, or $2.15 postpaid; "Old Junk," by H. M. Tomlinson, $2.00 net, or $2.10 postpaid; "Enslaved," by John Masefield, $2.25 net, or $2.40 postpaid; "Pipefuls," by Christopher R. Morley, $2.00 net, or $2.15 postpaid; "Great American Short Stories," by William D. Howells, $2.50 net, or $2.65 postpaid; "Steel Preferred," by Herschel S. Hall, $2.00 net, or $2.15 postpaid; "People of Destiny," by Philip Gibbs, $2.00 net, or $2.15 postpaid; and "Report on the Steel Strike of 1919," by the Interchurch World Movement, $2.50 net, or $2.65 postpaid.

The above books may be secured from The Beacon Press, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President*
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Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

From Mme. Paul Hyacinthe Loyson

Dear Alliance Friends:

Your invitation has summoned me across the ocean, and joining you on this great occasion means more to me than I can well express.

The organizer of this Congress notified me several months ago that this was to be a "Pilgrim" congress, to which all those who were striving toward any ideal whatsoever, be it of truth or justice, freedom or light, hope or faith, were invited. Pilgrims of the Spirit one and all.

So I have come a pilgrim from amid the ruins of France. And as I turned my face towards Plymouth Rock I wondered within myself of what ideal I should want to be called a pilgrim?

I think I should like you to consider me the pilgrim of *"fraternity,"* one whose whole endeavor now is to help bind up the wounds of that heroic nation that I have the honor to belong to. But I am a pilgrim not lightly equipped with the mere pilgrim's staff, but laden with a great burden of gratitude that I am longing to put down.

To do so I must first turn to Dr. and Mrs. Wendte, for to them my first thanks are due. Early in the war, when the first actual vision of its horrors came before my eyes,—followed soon, thank God, by that other sublime and comforting vision of what could be done to *alleviate* these horrors,—I wrote to Dr. Wendte asking his help. Immediately came his response, loyal and generous, assuring me of his deep sympathy in my purpose, of his warm affection for stricken France, and giving me his promise to do what he could for my work. Mrs. Wendte gladly lent me her name and services. A postal order for $100 accompanied the letter. These dear friends had started collecting money for me. This was merely the beginning of long years of unabated sympathy, untiring goodwill, and unending generosity.

Then through Dr. Wendte the Alliances came in like a band of sisters, and began helping also. In August, 1913, I had had the honor of welcoming by a few words The Alliance to Paris. This, though I little suspected it at the time, was the first link of a chain so strong that whatever strain I put it to, when like an invisible cable it stretched across the ocean, it never broke. And many times during this war has the Mayflower recrossed the ocean, but now going from the New World to the Old World again, laden with your gifts, disguised by camouflage it is true; facing danger greater than any the little Mayflower could dream of three hundred years ago, but ever the Mayflower of the Ideal, manned by lovers of liberty and right, and still more by the Spirit of Charity.

I wish I could reach all the friends known and unknown that have helped me all these years, but it would be impossible. And yet it is not my thanks only, but the thanks of thousands of men, women, and children that I bring.

I tried to tell you in my different letters all that was taking place in my little Convalescent Home that you were so faithfully helping me to keep up. But it was such a living, throbbing, ever-changing thing that it was hard to describe. If only the walls of the house could speak and tell you all they had witnessed, it would be a tale indeed.

In October, 1919, the Convalescent Home was closed, but the logical evolution of the work had led me to the devastated area. From going about among the ruins I could not but see the long task of reconstruction that lay ahead, and realize the duty of taking up one's share of it. It seemed to me

these regions were sending out a great S.O.S. cry to the rest of the world. When once heard there was no excuse for not answering that cry of distress. It was an imperative duty that would brook no denial. So in October, 1919, when I was shown the ruined village of Longpont to be our headquarters in that ruined district of the Aisne, I accepted at once. Miss Slade then joined me, also some other workers, and we took up our task immediately. Our *secteur* comprises now thirteen villages and seven hamlets, intrusted to our care by the French Government.

This new departure of ours we registered under the name of "L'Enfant de France,"—The French Child. It seemed to me there lay an element of hope (so sorely needed) in the mere word "child." And, moreover, the object of "L'Enfant de France" is especially to help the children in every possible way. We want to build up their health, form their minds and characters. But as what concerns the child involves the whole family, we try to serve each and all.

The spirit is the same as characterized the soldiers' home,—the resolve to help not only materially, but morally, mentally, and spiritually, in a broad, active, human manner.

To achieve this, we went first to the material needs and organized sales of everything the people needed: clothing, house-linen, furniture, boots, up to fine sewing-machines. Almost everything was sold at half-price, and even less. The American Red Cross gave us articles to dispose of in this manner. Mrs. Shurtleff on closing her work gave us many other goods, lent us her camionnette and chauffeur, and passed us on a precious worker, Miss Elizabeth Putnam.

For the school-children, we opened a *Patronage* where boys and girls are taken in on Sundays and Thursdays. Then a free *gouter* is given the children before they leave their various schools.

A dispensary is opened with a free weekly medical consultation by a good doctor from Soissons. There every new-born baby is especially welcomed, and receives a complete layette and a cradle or baby carriage.

To cheer the people and bring a little joy to old and young, we give entertainments, as fine as we can, with classical music, etc. For the little ones instructive magic-lantern shows.

One of the branches of the present work that is nearest my heart is the circulating libraries that we are getting up in each village. The schoolmaster is responsible for the books and gives them out. But the books are for the use not only of the children, but of the whole community.

We all know the influence of books, from the decisive marks that some of them have left in our lives. So in spite of the present difficulty of obtaining books and getting them bound, in spite of the actual high prices, nine such libraries have been started and are rapidly growing. I wish these libraries to be very complete and of the highest-class literature within the people's understanding. I even try to make them read, as Thoreau advised, "books that they must stand on tiptoe to read." They contain history and fiction, poetry and prose, religious works and works of moralists. As I feel these villages owe much to America, a certain number of books are destined to make them know America. So they begin by *Uncle Tom's Cabin*—that leads up to reading the *Life of Lincoln* with which each school is provided. From the *Life of Lafayette* they are led to the *Life of Washington*, and soon I expect to introduce our good old Ben Franklin to them also.

And so we have started out, as you see, with a material basis, doing relief work, but striving ever to spread a moral influence. And thus merging more and more into social work, for the implanting of an ever higher ideal, that when these people rise up again out of their misfortune it may be to enter a richer spiritual life than they had before.

We have now taken root firmly in this part of stricken France. Our work has been a magnificent success. Everywhere we begin to see the results. The children that had suffered so from the war, in many cases covered with skin diseases, are well now, and rapidly growing stronger. We have the confidence of the people; I think I may even say their love. Every branch is well started and working well. There are years of work ahead. And now what is to be done? Is this work worth doing? Shall we keep on? I am ready to continue doing all I can and Miss Slade is also, besides other workers. But whether we shall be able to do so or not depends upon you Americans, and the financial aid you give us now and through these coming years. I wish I could make you realize how now wherever one goes throughout devastated France one comes up ever face to face with this twofold ruin, the ruin of things and the ruin of men.

The love of God often seems far away when one is struggling in deep agony, but the brotherly love in the heart of man, though infinitely less perfect, is more easily understood. And this imperfect love can so strengthen our hands that they do perfect work. Shall we not now live our faith and do this work—God's work—our work?

(These words from Mme. Loyson's message are printed by request. Contributions of money may be forwarded through Mrs. Noyes, Alliance Treasurer. Those who are ready to sew or to send needed articles may address The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, for particulars.)

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held in the Fifield Memorial Room, November 12, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty-two were present.

Mrs. Davis reported attending an inspiring neighborhood meeting at Syracuse, N.Y., an evening meeting at Albany, and the regular meeting of the New York League. Everywhere she finds great interest in the Campaign.

Miss Lowell held a brief devotional service. She welcomed Mrs. F. S. C. Wicks of Indianapolis, and Mrs. E. F. Chamberlin, acting director for New Jersey. Miss Lowell told the story of her recent visits to the New Orleans, Texas, and St. Louis branches and brought greetings to the Board from all, with their grateful appreciation of a visit from the Alliance President.

The Southern Circuit report told of the work at Swansboro, N.C., which in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson is going forward under Miss Elizabeth Marquand, a graduate of the Tuckerman School. The demands are many for morning and evening classes, the latter for men; meetings where young people may sing together and learn what Unitarianism is (their own request), and for Sunday preaching. Mr. Cowan, thanks to the tent and organ, of which he cannot say enough, has held successful meetings in his Circuit, with attendance ranging from thirty to one hundred and twenty-seven.

On the recommendation of the International committee it was voted that an Appeal be issued for the usual sum of $300 for Signora Giulio Benso in Italy. A statement of her work appears elsewhere in this number.

It was voted to extend a cordial invitation to Miss Lee and Miss Hargrove of the British League, to meet with the International committee during their stay in this country.

The Fellowship committee has received replies from Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Canada, South Carolina, Iowa, Minnesota, and California. Two Fellowship members are already enrolled. The committee hopes to hear from many other branches, as soon as the idea of Fellowship is grasped.

The Sunday School committee reported that Miss Mary N. Phillips is

rendering excellent service in Canton and Sharon, Mass. Miss Phillips expects to leave New England the first of January to answer calls from the South and other parts. The service to our Sunday schools that Miss Phillips and others can render depends on the promptness of the response to the Appeal for Sunday School Worker.

The Board voted to ask Mrs. A. L. K. Volkmann of the Sunday School committee, to bear its cordial greetings to each branch she may meet in her sojourn in California. She is ready to speak of the work of her committee wherever it is possible.

Greetings were received from the Northern California Associate Alliance assembled at Oakland, October 23.

The resignation of Mrs. Hayes from the Printing committee was accepted with regret and with appreciation of her faithful service.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Miss Louisa Dunbar and Mrs. Elizabeth Endicott Billings by the branch at Canton, Mass.; by personal gifts, Mrs. Louisa E. Austin, Wellesley Hills, and Miss Henrietta M. Pierce of Milton.

New life members are Mrs. Mary E. Boyd, Fairfield, Conn., and Mrs. Isaac Sprague, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

A letter from Miss Helen Brooke Herford expressed the thanks of the British League for making possible Miss Mitchell's visit to this country, and for the cordial reception extended to her. "The League feels that this visit will have great and lasting influence on both sides."

It was voted to accept the invitation of Schenectady, N.Y., to hold the out-of-Boston meeting there January 14, 1921.

Encouraging reports were received from the Colorado director and six Massachusetts groups.

At the next meeting, December 10, reports are due from Southern States and six Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

International Union of Liberal Christian Women

ITALIAN BRANCH

For the Love of Truth
In the Spirit of Christ
To Help our Fellow-creatures

The International Union began in July, 1914, among the Liberal Christian Women in Italy. Few but noble women united with me for this spiritual work. With a circular letter addressed to all the persons whom I deemed better able to understand our ideals, I invited the Italian women to unite themselves for a work which aimed at regenerating manners, faith, and social life. Women of all creeds were called to our meetings, to study religion, to draw truth from the pure sources. Our work did not concern any special creed, did not destroy any, but helped to meditate, to live a deep inward life, to unite the souls in God.

We began the meetings at my house, and had some monthly lectures upon various but always spiritual matters. Teachers, women of letters, Catholic as well as Protestant, were present. The war which broke out did not hinder our activity, and although all the members of our Union gave their industry manifold forms, for the good of their country, our meetings continued and knit more strongly together the willing members.

In the year 1916 were printed and distributed some post-cards to invite all the women to saving, to modesty in dress, etc., and we distributed among the people many flying leaves to teach economy.

To suit work to word, we founded the League for the Good, which has nearly the intentions of the American Lend a Hand Society. At Canelli and Vessalico, and now at Montebelluno in the Venetian territory, three good teachers divulge ideas of fraternity among the people, excite to work, wage war against Bolshevism. In Turin, at my house, meetings continue periodically. This year we heard three in-

teresting lectures upon the vote, that all our friends approved of. A young philosopher spoke of the modern idealist school; a follower of modernism held other lectures about Christianism, and of women's mission in these years. In January I went to Rome to share in a meeting of the World's Student Christian Federation, and there I read before the students a lecture which was published.

I send periodically religious, social, and polemical articles to magazines, inviting all the women to a work of renewal. I send to many Italian women a monthly letter to get what we are doing known to them, and excite sympathy for our Union. Our work is neither simple nor easy. The Italian woman is not inclined to religious studies, and we must work with prudence not to be thought sectarians or rebels, but to be esteemed, as we really are, women who wish to know truth, to work for the good, to grow better and to make others better. I see that our work, with our limited means, has already done some good, and I hope more good in the future. When peace returns among men and calmness in the soul, when traveling is easier, our activity will be more simple, and we hope to extend our Union. The kind words you send us always, dear American friends, your interest, your help, excite and encourage us to work.

We had a proof of your interest, last year, when Mrs. Voigt, your splendid chairman, came to Turin. We remember always her goodness, and I especially will never forget her kind advice and benignity.

In the name of our Union, I send kind greetings to all the Congress hoping that the work we have fulfilled, will be fully esteemed and appreciated by all the persons who wish the good of humanity and the progress of truth in the world.

Luisa Giulio Benso.

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Post Office Mission

Through the courtesy of the Laymen's League the following sermons published by the League are to be found at all Headquarters: Post Office Mission workers desiring them can save time by applying to the Headquarters nearest them:

"The Unitarian Laymen's League," Rev. W. W. Fenn.
"A Statement to the Country," Rev. William L. Sullivan and Rev. Charles E. Park.
"The Affirmation of the Laymen's League."

A limited number of the following may be found at Boston Headquarters:

"The Laymen's Answer," Rev. Edward Cummings.
"What Unitarianism Means and Means to Do," Rev. John W. Day.

This year's Christmas sermon is by Rev. Augustus M. Lord; it is hoped to have it ready for distribution by December 1 at latest. Two thousand copies will be sent to San Francisco for the use of workers in the Pacific Coast committees, who will apply to Headquarters there for them.

All committees are urged to be on the lookout for Christmas sermon manuscripts: now is the time to secure them for next year's printing.

New York League

The first meeting of the season of the New York League of Unitarian Women was held at All Souls' Church, Friday, November 5, Mrs. Emile Glogau in the chair. Mrs. Frank C. Doan, who was elected president in May, has resigned, as her husband has been called from Summit to fill another pulpit.

Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Field Secretary of the Laymen's League, gave a short talk in regard to the Unitarian Campaign.

Rev. J. H. Lathrop made an appeal for the Carolina Industrial School at Swansboro and Shelter Neck and spoke of the great need of workers at once. They would like very much to secure a Ford car. A collection for the work was taken, amounting to $96.

Mrs. W. Blake Odgers spoke for the British League and its efforts to strengthen spiritual fellowship.

Rev. E. Rosalind Lee of England made a stirring plea for international fellowship.

Mme. Paul Hyacinthe Loyson told of her work in Paris for wounded men during the war and her present labors for reconstruction in devastated France. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides.

The meeting closed with reciting the Lord's Prayer. The usual social hour for luncheon followed.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon Street, December 6, at 10.30 A.M. Miss Mary N. Phillips will describe her work as District Supervisor of Church Schools. Miss Effie E. Whitman will preside, and any one interested is welcome to attend.

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THE PROMISE OF THE MIDDLE WEST

One year ago there was no Unitarian young people's organization in or within fifty miles of Chicago. The situation could not be studied in the light of any previous Y. P. R. U. experience.

Early in 1920, through the spontaneous efforts of a group representing five churches of Chicago and vicinity, the Unitarian Young People's League was formed. This organization is in reality an embryo Federation, aiming to assist in the forming of member unions as rapidly as their existence is warranted. At present, with a hundred names on the mailing list and an average attendance of fifty, one Sunday meeting a month is held in the very heart of the city. Discussions opened and conducted by members are held on subjects elected by the League. One social—generally a dance—takes place each month.

The students of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University come within the field of the Unitarian Young People's League. With Miss Pfleghaar's active co-operation, groups have been interested in both places this fall. There are many other large Middle-Western universities where a field secretary could be of great assistance.

Chicago is only one of the many places in the Middle West where young people are actually building up their churches or are desirous of doing so. At Unity Guild, St. Paul, Minn., an active group of twenty young people are working hard to raise money to buy a lectern for their new chapel. They are also co-operating with the Women's Alliance to help make their fall sale a success.

In Hanska, Minn., a small place with a population of not over five hundred, the young people have just had a sale from which they made $200. They have pledged $100 to the Campaign and the remainder is to be put toward a fund to replace the wooden steps of their Community House by cement.

The field of the Middle West is just opening, and opening with much promise.

Miss Pfleghaar's three months' work in the Western Conference this fall has demonstrated the value of continuous work in one locality; and likewise the need for a full-time field secretary in the Middle West. Chicago bids to be a new centre of Unitarian activity.

FREDERICK WEST,

President Unitarian Young People's League of Chicago.

News Notes

New England: In the East the work of our young people is by no means being neglected. Several volunteer organizers have been sent on trips both to organize and revive Unions. Rev. Ben Franklin Allen recently spent two weeks touring the entire State of Maine. Great enthusiasm was found almost everywhere he went. Several new Unions and renewed interest will be the tangible results of this trip.

Middle West: Through the efforts of Dr. Curtis W. Reese, the Iowa Conference is paying Miss Pfleghaar's traveling expenses in that State, and Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, a former President of the Y. P. R. U., has arranged to have the Minnesota Conference finance the Minnesota trip. The Chicago work is financed by an interested friend there.

Headquarters: The Committee to plan for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Y. P. R. U. is as follows: O. Arthur McMurdie, Chairman; Miss Grace R. Torr, Secretary; J. Harry Hooper, Mrs. C. H. Valentine, Mrs. Harris Kennedy, Mrs. L. A. Elliott, Miss Adeline B. Pfleghaar, Hon. Sanford Bates, Mr. Percy A. Atherton, and Rev. Houghton Page, ex officio.

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